

125 BILLS PASSED IN DAY AT ALBANY

Hylan Opens His Fight on Additional Powers for the Transit Commission.

FARM BLOC IN POWER

Gets Two Bills Through the Senate in Session That Goes Until Midnight.

ALBANY, March 9.—Passage of 125 bills, including the Lowman bill, drawn at a conference of New York State's District Attorneys and State officials with the view of checking widespread automobile thefts, marked the busiest day of the State Senate this year. After working all day the upper house adjourned to-night and did not finally adjourn until nearly midnight.

The Lowman bill passed without opposition, as did another measure, introduced at a conference of District Attorneys, which seeks to give District Attorney Banton of New York county control of the criminal calendar, so that a trial of bail cases may be expedited. The Walton bill on ticket speculators also was passed. It provides for the licensing of speculators and prohibits the sale of tickets of admission to theaters and amusement places at a sum greater than 25 cents above the face value.

The Tolbert wayward minor bill was another measure passed. This bill proposes to establish judicial proceedings whereby children who are unduly disobedient to their parents or who associate with bad company may be declared wayward and confined to institutions. The measure applies only to children between the ages of 16 and 21.

The Hylan administration today came out against the Lowman bill, amending the Transit act, and giving greatly increased powers to the Transit Commission. Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien demanded an immediate hearing and the Public Service Committee of the Senate fixed one for Tuesday afternoon.

The sudden decision of the city officials was learned with surprise by Democratic legislators, who were uncertain how to act because of the lack of interest which the Hylan administration had shown toward the measure.

Corporation Counsel O'Brien was indignant when he arrived in Albany this afternoon.

"This bill," he said, "would leave the city deaf, dumb and blind so far as any participation in the control and management of the so-called city owned unified system is concerned. The amendments proposed by the Transit Commission together with the original law, if carried into effect, will mean the dumping of the antiquated, obsolete and broken down railway properties upon the city of New York. The Mayor and other members of the Board of Estimate will not have voice or vote in the administration management of these properties, which the Transit Commission will compel the city to take out."

The farm bloc gained strength in the Senate today when it jammed through bills making more drastic the State deomorganizing act, removing some of the restrictions on the sale of slaughtered tubercular cattle and permitting savings banks and trust companies to invest in Federal Reserve bonds.

The Cotillo bills designed to remove congestion in New York city courts passed the Senate today. They provide that an additional grand jury be drawn for any term of the General Sessions Court on order of a judge; that the General Sessions Court shall be divided in as many parts as the judges prescribe and for increasing the number of judges from seven to nine. Forces of clerks and employees are increased. Another Cotillo bill passed provides for twenty assistant district attorneys in New York county with salaries of \$12,000 each for three, \$10,000 for eight, and \$7,500 for the remainder.

The soldiers' compensation bill was amended today by its introducer, Assemblyman Brundage. It provides that in order to be eligible for compensation a disabled world war veteran must prove he has been out of regular employment for fourteen days instead of thirty.

Free Seed Foes Howled Down to House Defeat

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The House put back into the agricultural appropriation bill today the \$300,000 item for free seed which was cut out by the committee. Friends of free seed carried on like a crowd at a carnival during the brief battle, which they won by a vote of 145 to 65. Offered by Representative Langley (Rep., Ky.) as an amendment, Chairman Anderson, in charge of the bill, promptly made a point of order against it. Claiming that seed prices had dropped from the old high mark, Mr. Anderson sought to reduce the amount to \$240,000, but was howled down.

The 65 members voting against the gift let loose such a howl that the chair was in doubt. Representatives Mondell and Garrett, party leaders, stood up to be counted with the winners.

O'MALLEY DEFIES Hylan IN FIGHT FOR FOOD BILL

Markets Head Explains Benefits to G. O. P. Women.

Edwin J. O'Malley, Commissioner of Public Markets, addressed the Women's State Republican Association at the Hotel Marie Antoinette yesterday in support of the Boylan bill, which seeks to amend the farm and markets law to require that the Commissioner be provided with data on the cost of production and sale of foodstuffs. He assured the women that he will continue to fight for the passage of the bill, though the city administration, he said, apparently is not supporting it.

"I think there have been too many squawks all around," said the Commissioner. "I am no moral coward and I will go through with this thing to the finish. I don't care even if the Mayor dismises me."

Mr. O'Malley said that the prices of foodstuffs are now regulated by the market men in the same manner as the prices on race horses are fixed by bookmakers.

The Commissioner said that passage of the Boylan bill would enable him to obtain information for the protection of the necessities of the city in their handling of the family budget.

UNTERMYER FORCES SENATE TO ACTION ON THREE BILLS

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afraid will bring retaliatory legislation from other States, and my opinion is shared by Mr. Lockwood and by Mr. Caulfield of the committee."

C. McNulty for the Real Estate Board of New York, Stewart Browne and others representing landlords and realty associations opposed the bill extending the emergency period of the rent laws. Such opposition can be based only on the ground that there is no longer an emergency and the Legislature has decided there is, Mr. Untermyer said.

Assemblyman McWhinney told the committee that if the Legislature failed to pass the bills every member would be held responsible personally, and added that the public look to these measures and the relief they promise as their only hope in a bad situation.

"To Prevent Legalized Stealing."

The mutual fire insurance companies protested against the bill, which would prohibit their reorganizing as stock corporations, and wanted to know what reason there was for such a proposal. Mr. Untermyer jumped up and said:

"I will tell you. This bill was introduced to prevent legalized stealing by a few insiders who have been in the habit of bringing about reorganizations of this kind with a view to grabbing all the assets. This bill ought to be entitled a bill to restore common honesty. The provision in the law under which such reorganizations have been brought about is a crying shame, a blot on the State, an inexcusable thing. The biggest of these companies has an undivided surplus of \$4,700,000. Now that money ought to go into the coffers of the State, as should all money where the owner cannot be found."

The real estate interests opposed the bills continuing tax exemptions and fixing assessed valuation of property as presumptive evidence of the reasonableness of rent. The real estate men, who spent part of the year fighting high assessments, said the bill was unfair because in most instances assessed values are far below real values. Mr. Untermyer picked that one up in a second saying:

"If the landlords feel that their assessed valuations are too low there is a ready remedy: all they have to do is go to the tax board and tell them that their properties have not been taxed

enough and I am sure that the matter will be attended to."

Mr. Untermyer left this hearing today just long enough to appear before the Senate Labor Committee in favor of the Downing-Campbell bill providing that the State carry on exclusively its workmen's compensation insurance without private insurance companies participating.

Denouncing the insurance companies as lobbyists engaged in a criminal conspiracy to destroy the State fund, Mr. Untermyer hit out right and left at men and corporations engaged in this business and turned a routine, dull hearing into a lively affair.

Clarence H. Willoughby, representing the State Insurance Federation, said everybody was kicking the insurance companies around, and Untermyer said they hadn't been kicked half hard enough. Willoughby said he had been waiting for a chance to get at "a man like you," meaning Untermyer, and when the latter jumped up and challenged attack Willoughby sat down.

Mr. Untermyer emphasized that he was appearing as a citizen, but added that defeat of the Downing-Campbell bill would be a deterrent to the work of the Lockwood committee and that the committee was "going after these people later." He went on:

"Of all the lawbreakers that the Lockwood committee encountered the most defiant have been the officials of the insurance companies. The present situation is disgraceful and very seriously affects housing. The fire insurance companies virtually have declared war on the State fund and also upon the

mutual companies. They cut their rates far below cost.

"The insurance brokers, of which there are about 2,000 in New York city, by the vast corruption bureaus which they maintain, have had the laws of the State so molded that they can do almost anything."

Jesse S. Phillips, who is now the head of the National Workmen's Compensation Service Bureau, was, while head of the State Insurance Department, told about conditions that exist in the insurance business, but he did nothing to correct these evils. The insurance companies are still exacting great tributes from manufacturers and industries at an outrageous rate.

"Phillips stepped out as head of the Insurance Department into an insurance organization which he, as a State official, should have investigated. We do not want State Superintendents of Insurance who are rubber stamps for insurance companies."

"The insurance companies annually harvest an interest yield of \$35,000,000 from unearned premiums which goes into the coffers of their stockholders and their books are so kept that no account is to be found of this money."

"The State fund does business at 15 per cent, less than the stock companies and yet it only gets about 9 per cent. of the business, which is a good indication that something wrong is going on. The reason for this is that stock companies are making illicit allowances and rebates to undermine the State fund. A high official of one of the leading insurance companies has made admissions to this effect, and in my mind this situation when reduced to plain business English resolves itself into a criminal conspiracy."

Senator Duell asked Mr. Untermyer whether he thought "this issue is a life and death struggle."

"It is not a struggle at all," replied Mr. Untermyer, "it is certain death for

State fund insurance if these companies are allowed to participate." He continued:

"The State fund can handle the business for 15 per cent, less than the insurance companies are doing it, and the cost could be made 30 per cent, less. Our contention is that it can be done for 45 per cent, less than the insurance companies are charging."

"You see how very important a hearing the workmen's compensation law has on the housing situation. It is of vital interest that the cost of insuring the workmen on construction work be cut down, for the cost enters largely into the cost of construction."

CRIMINAL CHAUFFEUR SENT TO JAIL FOR YEAR

Swore Falsely Though Acquitted by Mancuso Jury.

George Carmichael, 21, chauffeur, of 201 East 115th street, whose recent acquittal of a burglary charge drew stern rebuke on the jury by Judge Mancuso, was sentenced yesterday to one year in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500 for violation of the motor laws. Justices Voorhees, Moss and Freshlin of Special Sessions stipulated that if the defendant fails to pay the fine he shall be required to serve one day for every dollar for which he may be in default.

It was charged that Carmichael made a false affidavit in applying for a chauffeur's license. He swore he had never been convicted of a crime although he had received a suspended sentence for burglary from Judge Wadhams in General Sessions in August, 1919. He was arrested on the false oath charge as he was leaving the Tombs after serving a ten-day sentence for speeding.

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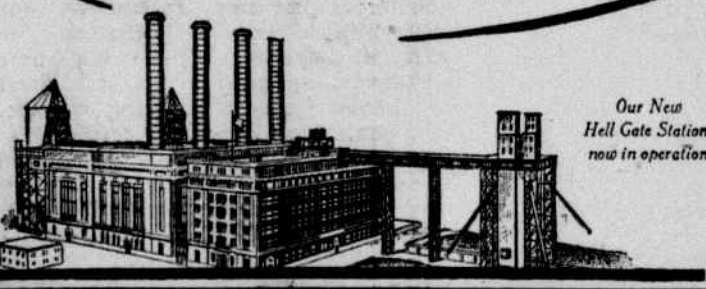
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